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SUBJECT: REFUGEES EX-USSR IN BELGIUM

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 7417 (B) HEIMANN/CARLIN TELECONS

1. AS OF SEPT 30, MISSION HAD RECEIVED FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES USRP
REGISTRATION CARDS COVERING 443 SOVIET REFUGEES IN BELGIUM. IT IS POS

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SIBLE THAT ADDITIONAL NUMBERS REGISTERED BY VOLAGS BUT CARDS NOT YET
RECEIVED GENEVA. RESPECT IMMIGRATION, MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT TO
DATE INS/FRANKFURT HAS RECEIVED APPLICATIONS COVERING ONLY 94 PERSONS
ALL SPONSORED BY TOLSTOY FOUNDATION (TF). WE HAVE URGED BOTH TF
AND ICMC (CARITAS) TO EXPEDITE IMMIGRATION PROCESSING. MISSION
FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT INS OFFICER FROM FRANKFURT WILL VISIT
BRUSSELS

PERIOD OCT 21-25 TO PROCESS 94 APPLICANTS PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL CASES
WHICH VOLAGS SUBMIT IN MEANTIME.

2. OF 443 USRP REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED BY MISSION TO DATE, 259
PROCESSED BY TF AND 184 BY ICMC (CARITAS). OF THIS TOTAL, 422
POSSESS LAISSEZ PASSERS AND 21 HAVE ISRAELI PASSPORTS.

3. AS EMBASSY INFORMED PER REF TELECONS, VOLAGS AUTHORIZED
COMMENCE GIVING CARE AND MAINTENANCE AND RESETTLEMENT ASSIST-
ANCE TO PRIMA FACI USRP ELIGIBLES (EASTERN EUROPEANS EXCEPT
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YUGOSLAVS) IMMEDIATELY UPON REGISTRATION FOR USRP. MISSION HAS

SUFFICIENT USRP FUNDS TO COVER CASELOAD (EXCLUDING SOVIETS) THROUGHOUT CY 1974. REMAINING FUNDS FOR SOVIET REFUGEES ONLY SUFFICIENT TO COVER CURRENT MONTH (OCTOBER). DEPARTMENT ENDEAVORING THROUGH CONTINUING RESOLUTION OR PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION TO SECURE ADEQUATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO FULFILL SOVIET PROGRAM BALANCE CY 1974. EMBASSY WILL BE KEPT INFORMED DEVELOPMENTS THIS REGARD.

4. AS MEASURE TO REDUCE COSTS, DEPARTMENT HAS INSTRUCTED US TO DISCONTINUE GRANTING USRP ELIGIBILITY TO ISRAELI PASSPORT HOLDERS DEPARTING ISRAEL AFTER OCT 1, 1974, EXCEPT FAMILY REUNION CASES AND THOSE WITH CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THEY QUALIFY AS REFUGEES.

5. MISSION PREPARED COOPERATE FULLEST WITH AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS IN ORDER RESOLVE SUBJECT PROBLEM SOONEST. ABRAMS

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